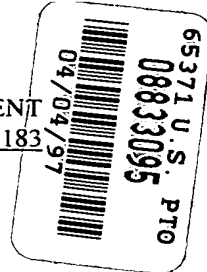


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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISCRIMINATING AND COUNTING DOCUMENTS

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- ☒ A specification consisting of: a 44 page disclosure, 5 page(s) of claims, and an abstract of the disclosure.
- ☒ Executed Declaration.
- ☒ One (1) set of formal drawings consisting of 22 sheets.
- ☐ A Power of Attorney executed by the Inventor(s)/Assignee.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement.
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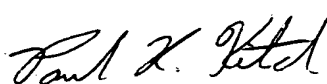
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